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DRUG ADDICTED ROBBERS PLEAD GUILTY IN HOME INVASION CASE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Tim Garrett Carter, 20, of Kermit, Texas and Elmo D'Shon Starling, 22, of Odessa, Texas each face up to ten years in federal prison after pleading guilty to a weapons charge.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt yesterday, Carter and Starling pleaded guilty to one count of being drug users in possession of a firearm. Both admitted that on October 13, 2005, they were part of a gang of drug addicts that used a 12-gauge shotgun to rob residents of an apartment in Odessa, Texas.

According to court documents, the other participants in the robbery were Michael McGinnis, 20, of Iraan, Texas, who plead guilty on June 1, 2006, to (the same charge), and two juveniles. As a result of his guilty plea, McGinnis faces up to 10 years in federal prison. Carter, Starling and McGinnis remain in custody pending sentencing. Sentencing dates have not yet been set.

The case is the result of an investigation conducted by the FBI West Texas Area Major Offenders Task Force (WAMO) which is comprised of federal agents and local detectives who work together to investigate violent criminals in the Permian Basin area. Assistant United States Attorney Glenn Roque-Jackson is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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